

Summer GCT News



The General Field through the eyes of Owen Shuman.

Membership Renewal Time

Now that we are all getting back outdoors, it is a good time to remember your annual dues.

Your \$50 family membership says you are proud to protect and manage our rural landscape and that you value the diverse

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ecosystems we are lucky to have here. We hope by making the renewal drive happen during the summer, it will be a convenient way to remember and budget your support. We also hope to make renewing your membership an easier process as well. You can renew online using the Donate Now button to the right.

If you made a special donation to the GCT at year-end in 2014 you are paid until April 2016, thank you very much. If you are unsure of your membership status [drop us an email](#) and we will be happy to check for you. And please consider [renewing online](#) today!

Surrenden Farm Hike June 14

Sunday, June 14
at 1PM sharp.

Join members of the Groton Trails Committee and the Appalachian

Mountain Club on a guided hike. We'll start by hiking the open field habitat of Surrenden Farms, a wonderful conservation area. Then we'll continue into the adjacent Sabine Memorial Woods conservation area, hiking through upland woods, by wetland areas, and along the banks of the scenic Nashua River. Our hike will take about two hours and is suitable for families with children. Dogs must be well behaved and leashed upon request. Wear comfortable hiking shoes. The hike will be held unless it is very stormy. From Rt. 119 in Groton center, take Pleasant St. (Rt. 111) southward, continue south on Farmers Row, then right turn onto Joy Lane, then left turn onto Shirley Rd. Proceed 0.2 miles to the first bend and take a right. Proceed another 0.2 miles to the second bend, where Shirley Rd. turns to gravel. Park there at the trailhead kiosk on Shirley Rd. 42.5866N, 71.5947W. Olin Lathrop olin@embedinc.com (978) 742-9014.



Photo: Karen Riggert

What to do in June?



Gamlin Crystal Spring Walk June 21

Sunday, June 21 at 1PM sharp, join members of the Groton Trails Committee on a guided hike on the Indian Rock Trail and the Boulders Trail of the Gamlin Crystal Spring Conservation Area in Groton. This beautiful conservation area, owned by the Groton Conservation Trust, is accessed via skillfully routed trails and features dense woods, rocky outcrops, a porcupine den, beaver ponds, huge boulders, and an old "lost" quarry. The hike will take about 2 hours and is suitable for families with children. Dogs must be under owner's control and leashed if requested. Wear comfortable hiking shoes as there are some short rocky sections. The hike will be held unless it is very stormy. We will meet at the trail head on Old Dunstable Rd. Take Lowell Rd. (Rt. 40) to Old Dunstable Rd. Proceed north on Old Dunstable Rd., passing the intersection with Bridge St. after 1.25 miles, then continuing on Old Dunstable Rd. for another 0.25 miles. The trail head and parking are on your left, just past the sign for the Gamlin Conservation Area. 42.631084N, -71.510190W. Dave Minott, DMinott@charter.net.

Join us at the River Festival



Check out our [website](#) for great activities in and around Groton all summer long!



Photo: GCT Advisory Council member Karen Riggert.

2015
SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 2015 - 11am-4pm

Events
 LIVE ANIMAL Demonstration with the Groton Audubon Society
 CARDBOARD CANOE RACES Groton Learning Committee with Deborah Poirier
 ROAD AIDS to Fitch's Bridge Groton Learning Committee with Jack Stastel
 Bird Walk led by Jerry Wooding
 Logging Workshop with Ronal Spasibski
 Kids, Arts and Crafts with Shelly Gove

Exhibitors
 Elmsted Boat-Making Ducks Unlimited
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 Groton Greenway Committee
 Groton Historical Society
 Groton Trails Committee
 Groton Trails Conservation and Friends of the Trees
 Mossy Oak Wildlife
 Natchez Paddler
 Natchez River Flat Top Committee
 Natchez River Watershed Association
 Pecos Valley Conservancy
 Sagamore Lake River
 Flat Top Committee
 Trout Unlimited
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Musical Guests
 Ingrida Richter River Kids
 Brock Crow
 Mugging Drummers and Singers along with The Morning Star Singers

Riverside at Petapawag Launch
 Parking at DeLuxe, 500 Main Street

FREE EVENT!
 LUNCH AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE FROM GROTON FIREFIGHTER ASSOCIATION
FREE CANOEING ALL DAY!
 Free Natchez Paddler

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We are proud to support the [Groton Greenway's River Festival](#) June 7. Come by and see us, it is a great time to pay your dues and play on the river. 11-4 PM.

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From the President:

We are pleased to report great progress on The General Field project. The land has been regraded to a softer, more natural feel, the stone dust pathways are in place that lead to and from a spectacular sitting area, and a variety of plantings will soon take place. And as you can see from our cover picture, the maples are budding. With the many hikes and activities offered this summer, it is a great time to visit some of Groton's most beautiful spaces. We hope to see you at the River Festival on Sunday. Happy summer!

Daniel Wolfe, President

The Groton Conservation Trust is a private, non-profit land trust in Groton, Massachusetts. It was founded in 1964 to acquire, preserve, and provide public access to lands with significant conservation value. The Trust is governed by a Board of Trustees made up of Groton residents with varied backgrounds, occupations and interests.

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